

# Thunderbolt

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Staff Sgt. Christopher Matthews  
*Gen. Don Cook, AETC commander, visits with members of the 56th Security Forces Squadron during his visit to Luke Aug. 29 and 30.*

## AETC commander visits Thunderbolts

By Airman 1st Class Susan Stout  
*56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

During a visit to Luke Aug. 29 and 30, the AETC commander said the Air Force has learned several things since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Gen. Don Cook discussed the security of bases since Sept. 11 and new plans the Air Force has implemented to remain vigilant.

"Base security has gone back to a reasonable level and is still higher than pre-Sept. 11 and is not as constrictive," he said. "On the training side, we learned the MH-53 helicopter in Afghanistan is on the edge of performance. Therefore, pilots are sent to Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, for high altitude training before deploying."

In April, uniform wear for command members traveling on official orders became mandatory.

"The idea came from a personal experience when I flew from San Antonio to Denver," General Cook said. "The American people want to see people in uniform and talk to us in the airport. Everyone is a recruiter and it is important to display and proudly wear the Air Force uniform."

General Cook attributes the higher retention of Air Force pilots to the slowed

economy and the sense of camaraderie of the Air Force.

"Airlines aren't hiring as much," he said. "We've had more than 200 pilots who have come back on active duty. In addition, the 10-year pilot commitment has changed people's decisions."

AETC's pool of people assigned to an Air and Space Expeditionary Force has grown from 7,000 to 13,000 and will reach 20,000 in the next year.

"We felt it was the right thing to expand the numbers," General Cook said.

"Instructors need to be current on what is going on in the Air Force. Sending the instructors gives them credibility on what the Air Force is doing and makes them a part of the whole game. We are a deployable Air Force and not a stay at home Air Force."

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Gen. Don Cook  
AETC commander

Luke Air Force Base and the Barry Goldwater Range are national assets and need to be protected, said General Cook.

"We conduct training for the United States' pilots here at Luke," he said. "Luke and Goldwater Range are irreplaceable assets that need to be protected against encroachment, whether it be from community growth, the FAA or from environmentalists. These issues need to be put in the context of the mission of Luke."

## Child Development Center begins renovations

The Luke Child Development Center will close for a renovation project beginning in October.

Scheduled to last 15 to 18 months, the renovation will increase the center's capacity by 100 children, making the total childcare capacity 256.

"In the beginning, it was looking grim as to whether there would be any funding or space to provide on-base childcare for the children presently in care," said Cheryl Cotton, 56th Services Squadron Family Member Programs Flight chief. "The only alternative was to send the families downtown to off-base childcare centers."

When Col. Phil Breedlove, 56th Fighter Wing commander, arrived on base, this was an issue he wanted to resolve, said Ms. Cotton.

"A search of the base was made to find a facility that could best meet the need for childcare, and contacts were made with AETC to find funding to temporarily renovate a facility," Ms. Cotton said.

Bldg. 1137, which presently houses the First Term Airmen's Center and the Family Child Care offices, was identified as the new location of the CDC.

"Since the building was once the old youth center, it already had many of the necessary features needed to convert the facility into a temporary CDC," said Beth Oudean, 56th SVS Child Development Center director.

A request for funding was submitted to AETC, and enough funding was made available to renovate the facility to meet the rest of the requirements, according to Ms. Cotton.

"We are really excited this project is going to happen," Ms. Cotton said. "Not having a temporary facility during the renovation would not only affect our patrons, but would have been devastating for our staff.

We would have had to furlough, with a strong possibility of losing many of our good, quality staff. This was not a positive alternative for our employees who have dedicated themselves to providing excellent care to our children for many years. I am just very happy we will be able to continue excellent care to our patrons."

Two rooms at the Youth Center, Bldg. 1143, will also be used to house two CDC classrooms.

"The move to building 1137 seems to be a win-win situation," said Ms. Oudean. "For the CDC, it is across the street from the old CDC. FTAC will be relocated to the community center which is close to the dormitories, dining facility and work areas; and the FCC offices will relocate to building 219, at the opposite end of the library."

Although the center will downsize to 106 children, and will not be able to provide care for children less than one year of age, it will be able to provide care for a majority of those children originally displaced due to

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Cheryl Cotton  
56th Services Squadron Family Member Programs  
Flight chief



Staff Sgt. Corey Drury  
*Children play at the playground at the Child Development Center. The CDC will relocate to Bldg. 1137 while the original building undergoes renovation, which begins in October.*

the move, said Ms. Cotton.

"The only displaced children we will not be able to provide care for at this time will be those under one year old," said Ms. Cotton. "They will be the first on the list for a 1- to 2-year-old room, once they turn one. Once all of the displaced children are accommodated, as slots come open, we will fill them with children off of our waiting list."

For more information, call Ms. Cotton at (623) 856-6820 or Ms. Oudean at (623) 856-6339.

(Courtesy of 56th Support Group.)



Action Line



Col. Phil Breedlove  
56th FW commander

The 56th Fighter Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct line to me. I get personally involved in every reply. Your ideas and concerns help build a stronger foundation on which we can successfully complete our mission and take care of our people.

Before you call the Action Line, please give Luke's professionals a chance to answer your question in concert with your unit chain of command. If the appropriate expert is unable to provide a satisfactory response, call me at (623) 856-7011 or send an e-mail to command.actionline@luke.af.mil. Please include your name and telephone number so I can provide a personal reply to your concern. Together we can make Luke Air Force Base a better place to live and work.

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Red, white and blue

Comment: I have a suggestion. How about we paint the lines on Litchfield Road through base red, white and blue the night of Sept. 10 as a permanent memorial to the patriotism seen since the Sept. 11 attacks?

Answer: I applaud your patriotism and suggestion on having some type of tribute in remembrance of the attacks Sept. 11, 2001. As a matter of fact, there are several events scheduled throughout the local area. Changing the color of the traffic markings, however, would cause a safety hazard to motorists. The U.S. Department of Transportation has strict guidelines on pavement markings established for the safety of all drivers. Yellow and white are standard marking colors throughout the United States and indicate to the driver the direction traffic is traveling, when passing is allowed, and other items. Although we cannot implement this particular idea, we are looking forward to participating in the various local tributes.

Sortie Scoreboard

Fiscal year 2002 programmed flight training  
as of Monday.

	To date	To date goal	FY02 goal
Sorties flown	34,548	34,606	39,376
Flying hours	46,728.8	47,000.3	51,687
Pilot graduates	755	N/A	995
MRA graduates	877	N/A	1,024

Luke people deployed:  
AEF 1/2: 5 AEF 3/4: 23  
AEF 5/6: 77 OEF: 110  
Total: 215



Sept. 11 offers opportunity  
for solemn commemoration

By Gen. Don Cook  
AETC commander

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Sept. 11 is forever and indelibly imprinted on the national psyche as a day when the enemies of freedom attacked our country killing thousands of our citizens and changing our world forever.

As we approach the one-year observance of that tragic and horrific day, preparations throughout our great nation are underway to honor the memory of those innocent people who died and to rededicate ourselves to the cause of freedom and justice.

Memorial services and observances will be held in our nation's capital, in our great cities and in our small towns. Americans will come together on college campuses; in our high schools, middle schools, and grade schools; in our churches, synagogues and mosques; on our military installations; and at our national monuments. They will come together to grieve and pay homage to those who paid the ultimate price for freedom.

There also will be gatherings that will focus on the perpetrators of these terrible terrorist acts. These gatherings may concentrate on symbolic acts to purge the evil wrought against our country. Although such demonstrations may be permissible under the laws of the land, they have the potential of inadvertently degenerating into demonstrations against particular ethnic groups and religious followers.

Our desire, responsibility, and I dare say our need to memorialize those who died on Sept. 11 can take many forms, but participating in any demonstration that maligns a particular ethnic group or religion, that sensationalizes acts of vengeance, and attempts

to precipitate unconstructive hate and violence only denigrates the memory of those who sacrificed so much in the name of freedom. Our nation was built on tolerance and justice for all.

On this solemn anniversary, let each of us build on that noble and strong foundation by showing our respect and reverence for our fellow citizens, citizens from around the world, and service men and women who fell under the blade of hatred, and before the enemies of freedom. Let us not stoop to the level of our enemies by burning flags and effigies or otherwise fanning the fires of hatred. We, the American people, and we the members of the United States Air Force hold ourselves to higher standards. Let our actions on Sept. 11 tell the world who we are and what we stand for: freedom, justice and equality for all.

In the past 12 months, the resolve of the American people has risen from the ashes of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and United Airlines Flight 93. We are more determined than ever to wipe terrorism from the face of the earth, because we cannot forget the images of that day.

The men and women of AETC are fully engaged in that battle. Many of our people have and will continue to deploy to support Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle. And every day, we recruit, train and educate the finest men and women our nation has to offer to sustain the combat capabilities of the mightiest Air Force in the world.

We will most appropriately honor those who died on Sept. 11 by our noble service to the nation and its people. We will also honor those courageous Americans who have died in combat fighting for freedom. We will most suitably remember them on the first anniversary of the attack by our reverence and solemn vigilance to persevere in this fight.

Airman reflects on 9-11 events

Capt. Jerry Norwood  
56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

We will mark the one-year anniversary of the day no American will ever forget Wednesday.

So much has happened in that one year. We have buried our dead with dignity and honor. We have comforted their family members and will always hold them in our hearts and remember them in our prayers.

The cleanup of the devastation caused by the collapse of the World Trade Center's twin towers is, for the most part, now complete and ready for the rebuilding phase. A memorial is in the design process and blueprints are being drafted to, once again, erect a new World Trade Center building back into the sky. Dedicated work crews have been feverishly rebuilding the damaged portion of the Pentagon.

We have made remarkable progress in the war against terrorism. The Taliban regime no longer rules. Many of the members of that regime and the Al Qaeda terrorists they supported are either dead, in hiding, cor-

nered in pockets in the mountains, or being held as detainees at Camp X-Ray in Cuba. All this has taken place in the past 12 months since Sept. 11.

The President of the United States pledged, "Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve."

Congress came together and, as one, unanimously voted to support the President in the war against terrorism. Immediately after the attacks, Americans wanting to show their resolve, proudly displayed American Flags on their homes and automobiles.

Armed Forces recruiters had people lining up to see them instead of having to search out prospects. I heard several stories of people in the local community who were very happy to see service members, stepping aside to allow these uniformed comrades to proceed first through checkout lines.

Commentaries in local papers were positive regarding Luke's members and F-16s flying over and protecting the Valley of the Sun.

Over the past year, America

has used its resolve to lead a war on terrorism. We have shown those who commit violent acts on innocents and countries who would harbor them that they would become enemies of the United States.

With the removal of the Al Qaeda from power, Afghanistan now has a new government allowing people access to freedoms that once would have cost them their lives. We have shown the world Americans will not hide and will not run. We will fight for our freedom and the freedom of our fellow citizens around the world.

The global war against terrorism is far from over. The heaviest fighting took place in early March during Operation Anaconda in eastern Afghanistan. There will likely be more battles as our forces continue to seek out, engage, and defeat the enemy.

The president and vice president have cautioned us that we will likely move from Afghanistan into other countries that harbor terrorists and this will be a long war in which we will suffer losses.

As Vice President Cheney

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Melinda Nichols, Army and Air Force Exchange Service electronics representative, puts away merchandise in the locked security cabinet to help prevent theft of electronics in the base exchange Wednesday.

# AAFES facility implements theft prevention programs

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Drury

56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service facility on base has recently seen an increase in shoplifting.

On average, AAFES' facilities worldwide apprehend more than 11,211 shoplifters annually, which cost servicemembers millions of dollars. In the past year, more than 70 shoplifters were caught stealing from the Luke exchange.

According to Ms. Ruth (identities withheld for security reasons), AAFES crime prevention staff member, anyone can be a shoplifter and there is no certain profile of a typical thief.

"Shoplifters are not limited to teenagers; ages can range anywhere from a 9-year-old to a 93-year-old," said Ms. Kim, AAFES crime prevention staff member. "Contrary to popular belief, men and women shoplift items equally. About 25 percent of shoplifters apprehended are juveniles while the adults are at an enormous rate of 75 percent."

AAFES implemented a new Federal Recovery Program March 1. The program allows the Base Exchange to pursue the actual loss of the merchandise stolen and charge a flat rate cost of \$200 on every shoplifting incident. If the merchandise is not returned to the store, or is returned but cannot be sold, AAFES will demand the full retail value of the merchandise.

If the item is recovered in damaged condition but still saleable, AAFES will demand the difference between the full retail value and the reduced sale value. Lastly, if the shoplifter is a juvenile, the parent or guardian bears the burden of financial restitution.

In addition to monetary repercussions, there are also severe consequences facing the perpetrator, family, parent or guardian. In reference to active-duty members, they will be apprehended and released to their chain of command.

Some juveniles may face curfews, loss of AAFES and base privileges, community service and in some cases, termination of the sponsor's privilege to reside in government quarters. AAFES policy is to prosecute to the fullest extent of the law.

"Whether the item taken is as small as a piece of candy or the size of a Sony play station game, it is still shoplifting and it is still a crime," Ms. Ruth said. "Rest assured the security in the base exchange will be watching and will prosecute anyone who shoplifts. These crimes affect us all as we are forced to pay higher prices."

Shoplifters fall into several different categories, Ms. Ruth added.

"First of all there are the professionals, they make their living by stealing most often to their customers specifications," Ms. Ruth said. "The greatest numbers of offenders are the amateurs. Usually, they have little money and an intense desire to own luxuries. Lastly, there are the shoplifters who could easily pay for the items that they don't even want. These offenders may suffer from kleptomania, a neurotic irresistible impulse to steal."

According to Ms. Ruth, psychologists say there are four common urges and emotions underlying all of these crimes:

Profound feelings of guilt, a wish to be punished, a need to prove their worth and an impulse to retaliate for real or fancied wrongs.

"These shoplifters are not necessarily ill or disturbed, they simply steal because it pays," Ms. Ruth said.

Shoplifting results not only in the loss of merchandise, but includes financial repercussions and man hours involved with operating security systems, detention of shoplifters, police reports processing and court appearances for prosecution.

AAFES faces more of a financial burden monetarily than the value of the stolen merchandise, Ms. Ruth said.

(Other sources of information were obtained from www.securityshopper.com.)

## News Briefs

### Memorial service

A memorial service is Sept. 11 at 9 a.m. at the Luke community chapel in Bldg. 799. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### AFSA meeting

The Air Force Sergeants Association Cactus Eagle Chapter 1260 will meet at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Desert Star Enlisted Club Top-3 lounge. The auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m. at the same location. For more information, call Master Sgt. James Robertson at (623) 856-6223.

### CFC breakfast

The Combined Federal Campaign kicks off today with a breakfast at the Desert Star Enlisted Club at 6 a.m. The cost is \$5.50. For more information, call Capt. Jacqueline White at (623) 203-1772.

### Housing seminar

A house buying and resale seminar will be Sept. 18 at Bldg. 1150 in the housing office conference room from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For reservations or for information, call Irene Bateman at (623) 856-3008.

### Blood drive

Blood donors and volunteers are needed for the Luke blood drive Sept. 15 through 20. For more information, call 2nd Lt. Lisa Escobar at (623) 856-7006 or visit www.unitedbloodservices.org code lafb.

### Thrift shop position

The Officers' Spouses' Club is looking for a thrift shop manager. The candidate should be an independent business person interested in working with the military community. Because the job includes a position on the OSC board, the selected manager must meet the qualifications for OSC membership. As a volunteer position, free childcare is available through the Child Development Center. The thrift shop will open Oct. 2 and the hours of operation will be Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call Diane Nemecek at (623) 536-2318.

### Munitions closure

The 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron Munitions Operations Flight will be closed Monday through Sept. 13 for inventory. Only emergency issues will be handled during this time. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Raymond Edmonds or Staff Sgt. James Anderson at (623) 856-6333 or (623) 856-4572.

### Leukemia fundraiser

Desert Mountain States Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society is sponsoring a "Light The Night Walk" Sept. 20, in the Tempe Town Lake area to raise funds for research. Funds raised are used to find cures for leukemia, lymphoma and Hodgkin's disease. For more information about joining the walk, contact Senior Airman Chad Smit at (623) 856-6805.

### Fuels closure

The 56th Logistics Readiness Squadron Fuels Management Flight requests base organizations gas their vehicles up at the military service station Sept. 27 to ensure fiscal year funds are used to their fullest extent possible. For more information, call Master Sgt. Michael Smith at (623) 856-7391.

### Use or lose military leave

Leave in excess of 60 days is lost at the end of each fiscal year unless special leave accrual rules apply, under the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-3003 section E. All request for special leave accrual must be routed to 56th Mission Support Squadron after Sept. 30. For more information, call Damita Klaiber at (623) 856-7834.

### Update information

Personnel are reminded to ensure the Air Force has the correct information on file in case of accident or death on Defense Department Form 93 and Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance. For more information, call (623) 856-7834.

## Thunderbolt of the Week

**Name:** Capt. Steve Broderick, 63rd Fighter Squadron

**Duty title:** C Flight commander

**Hometown:** Damascus, Va.

**Family:** Mother, Sandy; father and stepmother, Steve and Taesuk; brothers Alan and Dan; and sister, Trudy

**Education:** Bachelor's degree in operations research

**Time in service:** 10 years

**Previous assignments:** Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea; Moody Air Force Base, Ga.; and Tinker AFB, Okla.

**Goals:** To become a great husband and father

**Greatest feat:** Serving my country for the past 10 years

**Self description:** Recovering workaholic concentrating on spending more time with family and friends

**Commander's comments:** "Captain Steve 'Data' Broderick is the type of person you want a squadron full of — an all-around superstar," said Lt. Col. Todd Harmer, 63rd FS commander. "Not only is 'Data' an incredibly talented and hard-working flight commander, he is also a genuinely fine human being. A motivated, self-starter, I just tell him what to do and he always provides a top-notch product. Whether it be mentoring young F-16 pilots or working a special project, 'Data' sets the standard."



Broderick



*I voted ...*

*Capt. Peter Gumulak, 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron Munitions Flight commander and assistant installation voting officer, assists Airman 1st Class Sherry McMasters, 56th Logistics Readiness Squadron workgroup manager, with an absentee ballot form. To register to vote, contact squadron voting representatives or the base voter hotline at (623) 856-8001.*

Staff Sgt. Corey Drury

## Defense Finance and Accounting Service expands E/MSS system

**ARLINGTON, Va. (AFPN)** — The Defense Finance and Accounting Service Employee/Member Self-Service system has been expanded to allow greater access to pay information and more changes to pay records.

The new enhancements provide more options to employees, are user-friendly, and help give employees more control over their pay information, said Jim Pitt, deputy director of electronic commerce, military and civilian pay services.

Active-duty and reserve Air Force servicemembers can now increase or decrease the amount of state tax taken from their pay. They can also now make home address changes and request a personal identification number letter on demand.

To use the E/MSS system, employees must have a customized PIN. Those needing a PIN may request a new PIN letter at the E/MSS Home Page. This letter will be mailed to the address on file with the pay system. Allow seven to 10 business days for mailing. All retirees and annuitants needing a new PIN should contact the E/MSS customer support unit at (800) 390-2348. The E/MSS system is located on the DFAS Web site at [www.dfas.mil](http://www.dfas.mil).

## Proper disposal

### 56th MDG, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality offer tips on medical sharps

The 56th Medical Group and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality need help to ensure proper disposal of medical sharps. This will minimize health risks to refuse haulers, landfill personnel and the community.

Home-generated medical sharps include insulin syringes, needles and lancets.

"Thousands of military beneficiaries in the Valley handle home generated sharps ... and have questions on the proper disposal," said Tech. Sgt. Michael Whetzel, 56th Medical Group medical technician.

A common misconception is sharps need to be placed in a commercial container and returned to a medical facility for disposal as medical waste, Sergeant Whetzel said. This, in fact, is false and causes increased expense to the base hospital

and, ultimately, the Air Force and taxpayer, he said.

According to Maricopa County Environmental Services Department, handling and disposal of used home-generated medical sharps are exempted from regulation in Arizona's Medical Waste Regulations. However, such materials must still be handled safely.

Medical sharps should be placed in either a purchased medical sharps container (from a pharmacy or health care provider) or a heavy-plastic or metal container such as a coffee can. The containers should be puncture-proof with a tight-fitting lid. Household containers,

such as plastic detergent bottles, can be used if the following precautions are observed:

- ♦ Use heavy-duty tape such as electrical or duct tape to secure the lid to the container.

- ♦ Write the words "Not Recyclable" on the container with a black indelible marker. This helps ensure the container will not be inadvertently mingled with recyclable materials.

- ♦ Do not use a clear or glass container.

- ♦ Do not over-stuff the containers with medical sharps (fill only to approximately ¾ full). This can increase pressure on the lid and cause a release of the medical sharps.

Keep sharps and containers out of reach of children and pets. Persons handling such items should always wash hands after handling or touching medical sharps. Once these precautions are taken, the container may be placed in regular trash for disposal.

The following link to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Web page provides information on home-generated medical sharp disposal information [www.adeq.state.az.us/enviro/waste/solid/sharps.html](http://www.adeq.state.az.us/enviro/waste/solid/sharps.html). For additional information on disposal tips for other types of waste, call the ADEQ Solid Waste Hotline Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at (602) 771-4132 or toll free in Arizona at (800) 234-5677, ext. 4132.

*(Courtesy of the 56th Medical Group)*

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*Tech. Sgt. Michael Whetzel*  
56th Medical Group medical technician

## Thunderbolt wins first place in American Coed Pageant, continues on to nationals

**Story and photo by**  
**2nd Lt. Kevin Tuttle**

*56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

She smiled, she giggled, she charmed and she performed. Then she walked away with the Sweetheart Division trophy for first place in the American Coed Pageant. From listening to the bright 9-year-old fifth-grader from West Point Elementary, this is just the beginning.

In only her second pageant, Joy Jackson, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Mark Jackson, 56th Logistics Group quality inspector, won over the judges on her way to victory.

"I had a private interview with the judges where they asked me a bunch of questions about myself," she said. "I just

answered honestly with a smile."

It must have been her smile that vaulted her to the forefront of her competitors. She never speaks without flashing her priceless smile and has the sparkle in her eyes to match, like a set of diamond earrings with a diamond necklace.

The pageant, which took place July 26 and 27 in Scottsdale, consisted of four parts: talent, formal wear, private interview with the judges; and stating name, hometown and future employment dreams while on stage.

"I first had to walk on stage in my formal wear with my brother who was pretty nervous," Miss Jackson said. "Then he had to leave me and I had to walk around by myself. Afterwards, the judges asked me my name, where I was

from (Surprise, Ariz.) and what I wanted to be. I told them I would like to be an entertainer, like a singer, dancer, or comedian."

To support her employment claim, Miss Jackson's talent portion had her singing and dancing to 3LW's "Baby I'm a do it right."

"I felt pretty nervous, but when I won, I was surprised," she said. "But I had fun at the same time."

Now Orlando, Fla., is waiting for Joy Jackson to nationally represent Arizona in the 8 through 11-year-old age group. She is currently looking for sponsors for the trip and is anxious to go.

"I'm really excited and nervous about going to Orlando, but I know I'll have fun," she said.



*Joy Jackson won the Sweetheart Division trophy for first place in the American Coed Pageant in July.*



# OEF successes evaluated by Air Force task force

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Even before the first bombs dropped in Afghanistan, the Air Force had an operation in place to ensure the lessons learned there would remain long after the war on terrorism had ended.

Task Force Enduring Look was conceived less than two weeks after the destruction of the World Trade Center towers. Directed by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper, the task force's mission is to document the Air Force's efforts in the war on terrorism — including both the successes and the mistakes — and to ensure those lessons are available for generations to come.

The task force, said its director, has a three-fold purpose.

“First and foremost,” said Col. Fred Wieners, “is to support the warfighter. That’s everybody from that young airman to the four-star combatant commander. We also want to tell the Air Force story; and, we also need to properly recognize those lessons that we need to learn.”

The task force collects its data from many sources, including some 500 secure military Internet sites, other branches of the military, and points of contact at the different Air Force major commands, Colonel Wieners said. Enduring Look officials collect briefings, operations orders, deployment orders, and anything that can be put online.

The most important source of information, however, can’t be shipped over wire or satellite. The airmen at the tip of the spear — on the ground in Afghanistan — should be directly consulted, said Colonel Wieners.

“We feel these reports have to be written by airmen, for airmen, so we take trips into Afghanistan, and we talk to everyone there, from the senior-ranking Air Force commander to the men and women on the

flightline, in services, or in security forces,” he said. “You will find the real truth and the real lessons the closer to the tip of the spear that you go. We ask them ‘What worked?’ ‘What didn’t?’ And ‘If you could recommend one thing to the chief of staff of the United States Air Force, what would that be?’”

The task force intends to do in real time what similar task forces from other wars and military operations have done in months, and sometimes years, after the end of the conflict, Colonel Wieners said.

Besides the chronological, day-to-day reports of what is happening with the war effort, they produce reports containing information useful to commanders in the field today. Report topics include austere basing, global mobility, special operations forces, the collapse of the Taliban, and the air and space expeditionary force, specifically addressing what works and what does not.

One valuable lesson success story in Afghanistan was the ability of the Air Force to provide base operations support facilities early on.

“There is a tendency to want to put iron down first — those weapons we can use to do harm to the enemy,” Wieners said. “But it is important to find that right balance to ensure your people can survive, so that they can operate. It is a difficult challenge, especially at austere basing, as we saw in Central Asia.

“We accepted tremendous risks when this nation was attacked, and that was one of them. But this shows the mettle of our people. They adapted to the situation.”

Colonel Wieners said the real success stories during Operation Enduring Freedom are all about versatility and flexibility.

“The real story and success to Enduring Freedom comes from having that versatile, flexible and expeditionary force that can rapidly deploy and seize the initiative,” he said. “These are awesome accomplishments. What other country could go halfway around the world and do that?”

## TCI provides assistance for parents

By Rudi Williams

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Help is on the way for parents who want to be advocates for their military-connected schoolchildren but do not know where to go when they move from place to place around the world.

The Military Child Education Coalition heard parents’ pleas and created a Parent Workshop program to help them. The first workshop is slated Sept. 24 and 25 at Fort Jackson, S.C., during the Transition Counselors Institute training conclave. Other workshops will be announced later.

The four-to-six-hour workshops will be conducted in conjunction with TCI conclaves at military installations across the country, according to Pete Taylor, chairman of MCEC’s board of directors. The workshops will be taught by TCI trainers, who are educators with secondary school experience; high school counselors; transition specialists; military parents; and others. The institute trains transition counselors who understand the needs of mobile military-connected students and have the skills to bridge the transition from school to school.

“The best advocate for a child is the child’s parent,” Mr. Taylor said. “They’re the ones who care the most about their children. But we want to help them the best we can, and the school systems are trying to help them.

For more information visit the MCEC Web site at [www.militarychild.org](http://www.militarychild.org).

# Defense Dept. Web site offers military pay information online

By Army Sgt. 1st Class  
Kathleen Rhem  
*American Forces Information Service*

**WASHINGTON** — Anything you ever wanted to know about your military pay but didn't know who to ask is now available with a couple of mouse clicks. The Office of the Secretary of Defense has a military compensation Web site.

The site explains the differences between pay and allowances and describes the intended purpose for the various allowances. For instance, the basic allowance for subsistence is designed to offset the costs of a member's meals, but is "not intended to offset the costs of meals for family members."

A separate basic allowance for housing primer available on the site explains the ins and outs of BAH, including how it is computed and why rates can differ so much from one location to another.

A link to the "Regular Military Compensation Calculator" can give servicemembers a glimpse of how their pay and tax-free allowances stack up against civilian pay.

For instance, an E-6 with eight years of service living in the D.C. area with a spouse and two kids would have to earn more than \$51,000 to take home the same amount after state and federal taxes are deducted.

Active-duty members approaching their 15th year of service might find the retirement choice calculator particularly helpful. Members who entered active service after July 31, 1986, have to choose at 15 years whether they will opt for the "high-three" or "redux" retirement plans.

High-three basically pays you 50 percent of the average of your three highest paying years of service. Redux pays you a \$30,000 bonus at 15 years, then 40 percent of your base pay per month at retirement. Both have positive and negative points, and servicemembers need to choose based on their personal situation.

A calculator on this site allows you to input personal data and then gives you charts to show how much each option would provide you over a 40-year period.

Other sections on this site fully explain survivor benefits and the Thrift Savings Plan.

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recently declared at a Veterans of Foreign Wars National Convention, "Wherever terrorists operate, we must find them where they dwell, stop them in their planning, and one by one bring them to justice." He went on to affirm, "Any enemy conspiring to harm America or our friends must face a swift, a certain, and a devastating response."

Much has been accomplished in the past year since Sept. 11. Much more remains to be done.

Even though some of the American flags that were proudly displayed at homes and on automobiles immediately after the Sept. 11 attacks may have faded, frayed, or altogether disappeared, our resolve has remained constant.

We must maintain this resolve to support our president's promise that, "Those who make war against the United States have chosen their own destruction."

We must remain just as committed to this struggle today as we were on the evening of Sept. 11, 2001, when the flames and smoke still rose from the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in a quiet field in Pennsylvania.

# Officials send Sept. 11 Patriot Day message

**WASHINGTON** — The following is a joint Sept. 11 Patriot Day message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper:

“One year ago, our nation and the world suffered a shocking and tragic attack. Thousands died, many were injured and still more lives were forever altered with the loss of loved ones and friends. Today, we pay our respects to those who lost their lives in the attack, and we pay tribute to those service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure events like these never happen again. On America’s first Patriot Day, we pause and reflect on the sacrifices of our fallen countrymen. Remember them in your thoughts and your prayers.

“While we’ve suffered a great loss, the vivid memory of Sept. 11 has unified our nation and intensified our resolve to win the fight against international terrorism. As airmen, you can be especially proud of your contributions to this cause. When our nation needed its Air Force most, our magnificent team of active-duty, Guard,

Reserve, and civilian airmen responded with pride and the utmost professionalism. From deploying troops and defending our skies at home, to building expeditionary bases and engaging adversaries abroad, you’ve demonstrated again and again why the American people trust and admire its men and women in uniform. They appreciate your service and know you pledge your lives to fight our battles — at home and around the world — so Americans can live free. Simply put, thank you.

“As we pause to reflect on the sacrifices made, we remain engaged in a fight against a determined and resilient enemy. Our mission has never been clearer. Our best defense against future attacks, hostile anti-American regimes, weapons of mass destruction and terrorist organizations is a strong offense. Our Air Force and our nation must vigorously prepare for the challenges that lie ahead. Make no mistake — we will be challenged. International terrorists should harbor no illusion that Americans will sit idly by and wait

for the next attack. We will not. We will take the initiative and take the fight to them wherever they hide, before they strike.

Ultimately, we best honor those lost on Sept.11 by rededicating ourselves to the obligations of military service and by ensuring we have the capability, training and resolve to win those fights wherever and whenever they occur.

“A year ago, some of our enemies believed the principles of our nation — liberty and equality — were somehow tenuous symbols that could be attacked and destroyed. They were wrong. The

United States of America is more than a place; it is a glorious idea that will endure as long as people who seek freedom

exist around the world. We will prevail in this fight. The character of the American people and our willingness to bear any burden in the name of liberty will not allow an outcome to the contrary.”

“As President Bush unequivocally stated, ‘We will not waver, we will not tire, we will not falter, and we will not fail.’ The road ahead is clear, your efforts tremendous, and America’s future is shining brightly. May God bless you and may God bless America.”

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*Dr. James G. Roche*  
Secretary of the Air Force  
*Gen. John P. Jumper*  
Air Force Chief of Staff



# General advises to conduct business as usual

By Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen Rhem  
*American Forces Press Service*

**WASHINGTON** — The nation’s ranking military officer has a message for the American people: Live your lives to the fullest, and don’t cower in fear of terrorists.

Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said if Americans start hiding and changing how they live, the terrorists who attacked the United States Sept. 11 will have won.

“If you want the terrorists to win, start conducting your life in a much different manner. Conduct it like the terrorists would like you to conduct it, and that is be afraid,” General Myers said. “Don’t pursue life as a free person. Huddle in your bedroom and don’t engage in life.”

He was speaking during an interview with the American Forces Press Service and American Forces Radio and Television Service. Portions of the interview will be broadcast to American service members overseas on the one- year anniversary of the attacks.

“What the American people need to do is conduct their business as usual,” General Myers said.

That doesn’t mean there’s nothing to worry about.

“One terrorist willing to lose his or her life for whatever they believe in is going to be hard to stop, so there will probably be more attacks,” General Myers said. “But we can’t let them influence our behavior to the point where they win.”

Preventing more attacks will take vigilance on the part of all Americans, and the citizens of this country need to know their government is behind them, he said.

“We have many agencies here in the United States, not just the U.S. military, but all instruments of national power trying to make this country and our friends and allies’ countries safer

and securer places,” General Myers said.

Fighting the war on terrorism has already required sacrifices for many people, but they understand the cause is vital, he said.

“We can’t forget that this global war on terrorism is a fight essentially for our freedom,” he said. “This is not a (case of) ‘I hope we win.’ This is, ‘We better win.’ ... Our way of life, the way your children and your grandchildren and your families will prosper would change dramatically if we let the terrorists get the upper hand here.”

Families of active and reserve component service members play an especially vital role in this war. “Serving in the military is a family affair.; I think people understand that. (Reservists are) a special issue, because they often have to leave

their civilian employment, which brings their employers into the picture,” General Myers said.

He noted employers of reserve-component members have been very supportive. “My hat’s off to them,” General Myers said, noting he believes most employers who have lost workers to military duty understand America’s freedom is at stake.

The chairman said reserve forces have been “absolutely essential” to the war on terrorism. “We could not do it (without them),” he said. “That’s why we have a reserve, for times when you’re in global war and you put a huge stress on the active-duty force. You need the reserves to be the shock absorber and to fulfill very important duties that we just don’t have the manpower to do.”

General Myers said being chairman during this time of national crisis is “very fulfilling” for him because he’s so proud of the men and women in uniform.

“In the end, it comes down to people doing what they’ve been asked to do and doing the mission they’ve been given,” he said. “Our people have performed superbly.”

*“If you want the terrorists to win, start conducting your life in a much different manner.”*

*Gen. Richard Myers*  
Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman

# Roche reviews the past year of war on terrorism

By Tech. Sgt. Scott Elliott  
*Air Force Print News*

WASHINGTON — “Looking back at what we’ve achieved over the past 11 months, we can all be proud to call ourselves airmen.”

That was the bottom line of Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche’s speech at the Tuskegee Airmen’s 31st Annual National Convention recently in Atlanta.

“Often, our legacy is driven by events beyond our control, by circumstances we didn’t create,” he said. “That situation exists now and is one we all face, military and civilian: the war on terrorism. “We all know how our nation changed on Sept. 11,” he said. “The attack tested our mettle as few events will in our lifetime. In all, (more than) 3,000 innocent people were murdered on that tragic September morning.”

While firefighters successfully battled the blazes caused by the attacks, Secretary Roche said the real fire was just beginning.

“They were replaced with another fire that burned in every American, and in freedom-loving people around the world — a fierce determination to root out and defeat the evil behind these attacks.”

Following a recall of personnel to active duty, activation of Guard and Reserve members and Stop-Loss action, the deployment to expeditionary bases began, the secretary said.

“When all the pieces were in place, soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines returned fire,” he said. “We returned fire

with conviction. We returned fire with tenacity. And we returned fire knowing the security of our nation and the lives of our citizens depended on the success of men and women wearing the uniform.”

According to the secretary, America’s report card for the war on terrorism contains the following:

- ♦ The construction and maintenance of a coalition of 90 nations, with 18 countries engaged in Afghanistan.
- ♦ Al-Qaida is on the run around the world.
- ♦ The Taliban were driven from power in Afghanistan.
- ♦ Afghanistan is no longer a base for global terrorist operations.
- ♦ Beatings by religious police and public executions have stopped.
- ♦ The subjugation of women and little girls in Afghanistan is over.
- ♦ More than 2.5 million humanitarian rations have been delivered.
- ♦ International aid workers are no longer held hostage.

“We fought and won the first phase of this campaign as a joint team,” Secretary Roche said. “Every man and woman, military and civilian, active, Guard and Reservist, can be proud of the substantial Air Force contribution to those successes. And the effort continues.

“The character of the American people, and our willingness to bear any burden in the name of liberty, will not allow an outcome to the contrary,” he said. Our commitment to see this fight through to the finish will be the measure of our legacy.”

# Apathy on Iraq not an option for Bush

By Jim Garamone  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON — Doing nothing about the serious threat Saddam Hussein poses to the world is not an option for the United States, President George W. Bush said Wednesday.

Speaking during a meeting with Democratic and Republican leaders of Congress, Bush said he looks forward to an open dialogue with Congress about the threat Iraq poses.

He said the United States would work with the United Nations to counter the Iraqi threat.

President Bush said he will remind the United Nations that for 11 years, Saddam Hussein “has side-stepped, ‘crawfished,’ wheedled out of any agreement he had made not to ... develop weapons of mass destruction, (and) agreements he’s made to treat the people within his country with respect,” he said.

“I’m going to call upon the world to recognize that (Hussein) is stiffing the world, and I will ... talk about ways to make sure that he fulfills his obligations,” the president said.

Reporters asked President Bush if getting U.N. arms inspectors back into Iraq was an option.

“The issue is not inspectors; the issue is disarmament,” President Bush responded. “This is a man who said

he would not arm up. This is a man who told the world that he would not harbor weapons of mass destruction. That’s the primary issue.”

President Bush will meet with British Prime Minister Tony Blair this weekend. Prime Minister Blair, talking to reporters in Britain Sept. 3, said the problem Iraq poses “is not one for the United States alone.” He defended U.S. calls for regime change in Baghdad, and told reporters that Iraq is “not some benign little democracy.”

Prime Minister Blair said Saddam tortures and executes political enemies and “was probably responsible for up to 100,000 Kurdish people dying in a brutal campaign.”

“Either the (Iraqi) regime functions in an entirely different way, or the regime has to change,” Prime Minister Blair told the reporters

In the next few days, President Bush said he will also meet with Canadian Prime Minister Jean Cretien, and he said he would speak with the leaders of Russia, China and France. Following those conversations he will speak at the United Nations.

“I am going to state clearly to the United Nations what I think,” President Bush said. “And I think that (Hussein) has not fulfilled any of the obligations ... that he made to the world. And I believe it’s important for the world to deal with this man.”





# Wing reorganization takes shape at Luke



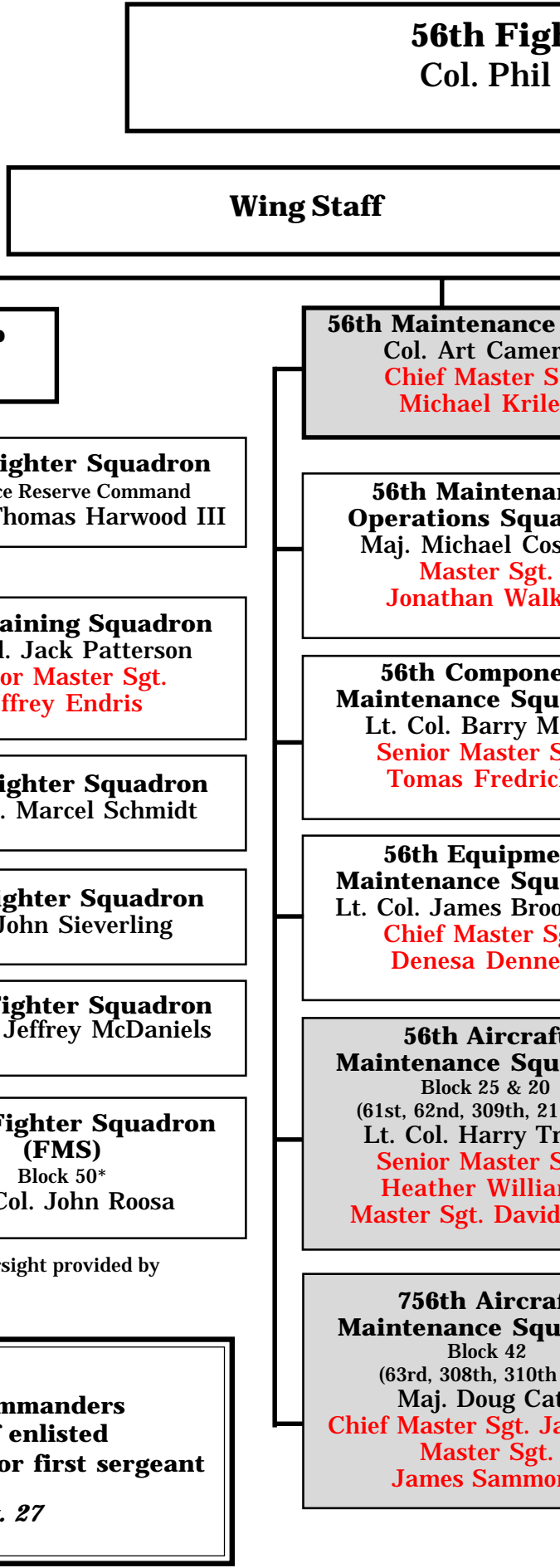
Staff Sgt. Corey Drury  
*Airman 1st Class Daniel Duggan, 56th Logistics Readiness Squadron laboratory technician, samples fuel from a truck. The 56th LRS is one of the new squadrons at Luke as part of the wing reorganization.*

By Airman 1st Class Susan Stout  
*56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

The reorganization of the 56th Fighter Wing continues with completion scheduled for Sept. 27. The chart represents the wing's structure along with the names of commanders, chief enlisted managers or first sergeants of each group and squadron upon completion of the reorganization. The reorganization is mandated Air Force-wide and is designed to allow each group to focus on core competencies. A ceremony commemorating the changes made during the reorganization is scheduled for 8 a.m. Sept. 27 at the flag park located in front of the 56th Fighter Wing headquarters building.



*Tech. Sgt. Tony Thornton, 310th Fighter Squadron jet pilot, inspecting aircraft. Sergeant Thornton, as well as other maintenance personnel from the 308th FS and 310th FS will move into the 756th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.*



\* 425 FS and 21st FS maintenance activity oversight provided by 56th Maintenance Group commander.



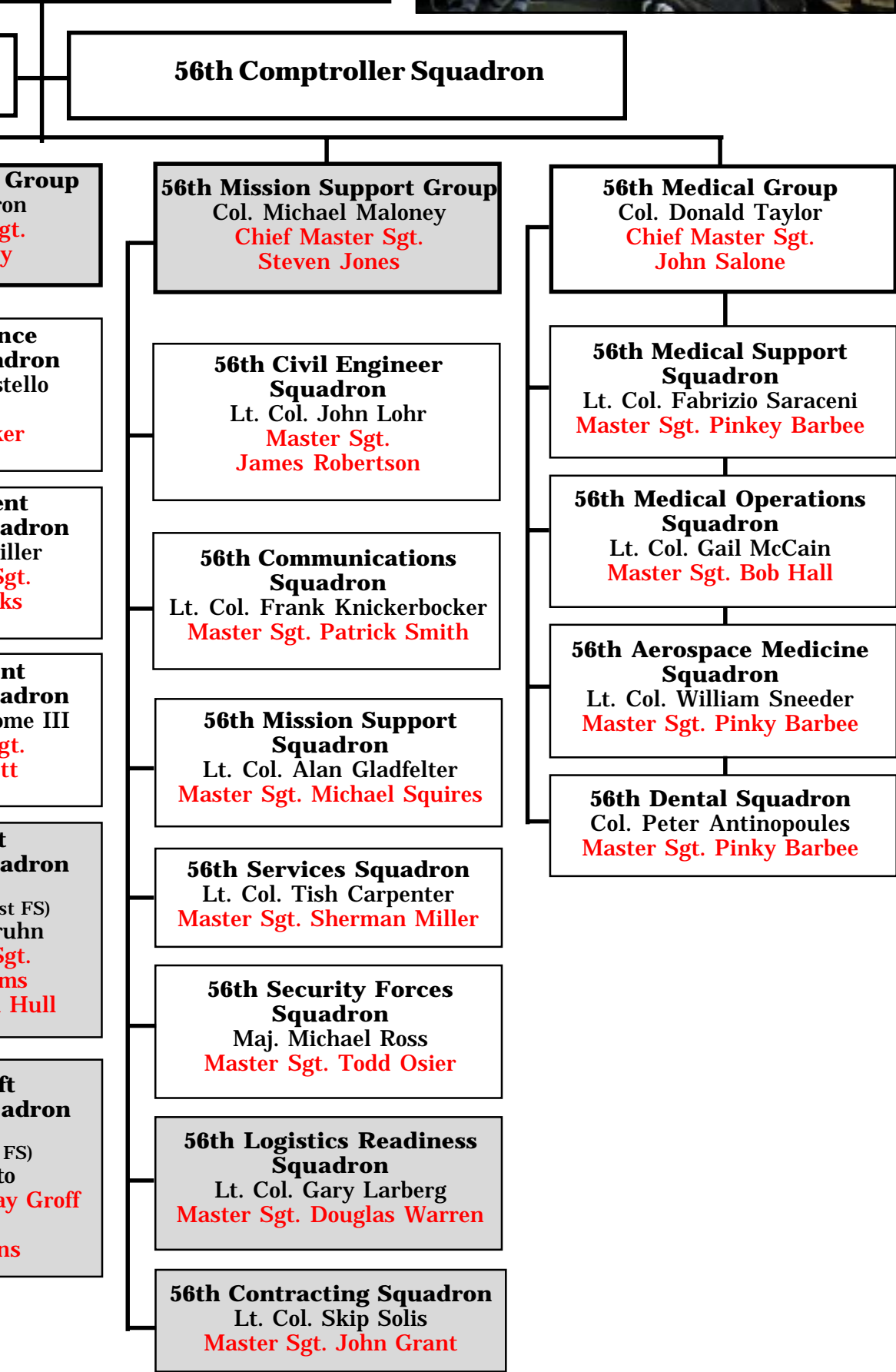


Staff Sgt. Christopher Matthews, propulsion craftsman, does an engine bay inspection on an F-16. Other maintenance personnel from the 63rd FS, 62nd FS, 309th FS and the 21st FS maintenance members will move into the new 56th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron as part of the wing reorganization scheduled for completion Sept. 27.



Staff Sgt. Christopher Matthews  
Left: Airman 1st Class David Perea, 61st Fighter Squadron weapons loadcrew member, and Staff Sgt. Chris Rhodeman, 61st FS weapons loadcrew chief load a bomb onto an F-16. The 61st FS, 62nd FS, 309th FS and the 21st FS maintenance members will move into the new 56th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron as part of the wing reorganization scheduled for completion Sept. 27.

## Enter Wing Breedlove



Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus  
Staff Sgt. Shawn Bowman, 56th Logistics Support Squadron maintenance instructor, instructs students on form documentation. The 56th LSS will change to the 56th Maintenance Operations Squadron Sept. 27 as part of the wing reorganization.









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Around Base

Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest is Sept. 27 from 6 to 10 p.m. at Fowler Park. Admission is free. The event includes German food, a kids zone, prizes and German music.

Youth center closure

The youth center will be closed Sept. 27 for Oktoberfest.

Preteen dance night

Youth, 6 to 12, are invited to the youth center preteen dance Sept. 13 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$3 per person.

‘The Man in the Mirror’

The community center and the Desert Star Enlisted Club presents T.A. Burrows’ “The Man in the Mirror” today at 7 p.m. at the Desert Star Enlisted Club ballroom. For more information, call (623) 856-7137.

Birth announcements

The Thunderbolt is running birth announcements. Those wishing to announce a birth should visit the Thunderbolt office, Bldg. 453, or call (623) 856-5998.

Kickoff party

The Desert Star Enlisted Club Football Frenzy Kick-off Party is Sunday at noon at the Desert Star Enlisted Club. The event features a free barbecue, NFL games and prizes. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Torch Club

The youth center’s Torch Club meets Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. at the youth center. The Torch Club is designed to assist youth in becoming productive citizens. For more information, call (623) 856-6225.

Birthday meal

Airmen celebrating birthdays in August or September are invited to the Ray V. Hensman Dining Facility for a birthday meal Sept. 26 at 5 p.m. The meal includes steak and lobster or shrimp. Airmen can sign up at the Ray V. Hensman Dining Facility. For more information, call (623) 856-6238.

Craftsman contest

The AETC Craftsman contest is Monday through Oct. 12. Youth and adult categories include fine art, textile art, industrial art, multicrafts and pattern art. Base-level awards will be given. Entry deadline is today. For more information and entry forms, visit the skills and development center or call (623) 856-6722

Outdoor Recreation

The 56th Services Squadron Outdoor Recreation Center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on trips or rental equipment, call (623) 856-6267 or visit [www.lukerecreation.com](http://www.lukerecreation.com).

Laughlin tour

Laughlin, Nev. gaming tours are Sunday, Oct. 13 and Nov. 10. The cost is \$5 per person and includes transportation, buffet lunch and a coupon book.



Hollywood tours

Hollywood and game show tours are Sept. 14 through 16 and Oct. 26 through 28. Tours will include a tour of Grauman’s Chinese Theater, a taping of Hollywood Squares and a chance to be on the Price is Right. The cost is \$150 per person.

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# Outdoor Rec.

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## Mexico shopping

Shopping trips to Algodones, Mexico are Saturday, Oct. 12 and Nov. 9. The \$25 per person cost includes transportation.

## Trail ride

A western adventure and trail ride in the Huachuca Mountains is planned for Sept. 28 and 29, Oct. 19 and 20 and Nov. 16 and 17. The cost is \$95 per person and includes equipment, horse rental, food and transportation.



## Tall Ship Festival

A camping trip on the beach at Camp Pendelton, Calif. is Sept. 19 through 22. The trip will include the Tall Ship Festival and Tall Ship Battle. The cost is \$225 for a family of four; \$75 for adults and \$50 for children under 14 years old. The cost includes transportation, equipment and permits. Food is not included. An optional cost of \$40 is for the Tall Ship Battle. A \$50 nonrefundable deposit is required for each four-member group. Register by today.

# Chapel News

## Worship schedule

The following services and classes are at the Luke Community Chapel unless stated otherwise:

### Protestant

- ♦ Sunday traditional service is at 11 a.m. at the Chapel on the Mall.
- ♦ Sunday school program is at 9:30 a.m.
- ♦ Sunday gospel service is at 8:30 a.m. at the Chapel on the Mall
- ♦ Sunday contemporary service is at 11 a.m.; children's church is also available
- ♦ Young Adults wallyball is Thursdays at 5 p.m. at the gym
- ♦ "The Way" Bible study is Thursdays at 7 p.m.
- ♦ "Young Adults at the Way" is Saturday at 6 p.m.

### Catholic

- ♦ Saturday Mass is at 5 p.m.

- ♦ Sunday Mass is at 9:15 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.
- ♦ Weekday Mass is at 11:30 a.m.

### Jewish

- ♦ Shabbat service is at 6 p.m. every fourth Friday

### Muslim

- ♦ Muslim worship is today at 1 p.m.



## Religious education

- ♦ Confirmation classes are Sunday from 5:30 p.m.
- ♦ CCD classes are at 11 a.m. in Bldg. 1150 in the third floor atrium
- ♦ Baptism seminars for parents of children under 7 years old are at 7 p.m. every first and second Monday of every month at "The Way."

## Youth events

- ♦ The junior Catholic youth group meets Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ The Catholic youth group meets Wednesdays from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

For more information on these programs, call (623) 856-6211.

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# Movies

Movies begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Cost is \$3 per adult and \$1.50 for children 11 and under. For more information or for a movie schedule, e-mail [lukeafbtheater@yahoo.com](mailto:lukeafbtheater@yahoo.com).



*Friday at 7 p.m and Sunday at 6 p.m.*

**“Road To Perdition” (R)**  
Starring Tom Hanks, Paul Newman, Jude Law, Jennifer Jason Leigh and Stanley Tucci.  
In Depression-era Chicago, hit man Michael O’Sullivan is known to friends and enemies as the “Angel of Death.” Uncompromising in his work, O’Sullivan is just as devoted to his private life as an upstanding family man. But when those worlds collide, taking the lives of his wife and younger son, O’Sullivan and his surviving son leave their sedate home life behind and embark on a startling journey of revenge. *(119 minutes)*

*Saturday at 2 p.m.*

**“Country Bears” (G)**  
Starring Christopher Walken, Stephen Tobolowsky, Daryl “Chill” Mitchell and M.C. Gainey.  
Beary is a ten-year-old cub who is raised by a human family unaware that he is adopted until his jealous brother tells him. When Beary leaves home to find out where he belongs, he’s led to the Country Bear Hall in Tennessee and befriends the now



defunct band, the Country Bears. The once successful and highly influential 1970s band, reunite for a benefit concert. *(89 minutes)*



*Saturday at 7 p.m.*

**“We Were Soldiers” (R)**  
Starring Mel Gibson, Madeleine Stone, Sam Elliot, Greg Kinnear, Chris Klein and Josh Daugherty.  
Based on the true story of Lt. Col. Hal Moore, who led 400 American soldiers into the first bloody battle of the Vietnam War. *(137 minutes)*

*Sunday at 2 p.m.*

**“Stuart Little 2” (PG)**  
Starring Michael J. Fox, Geena Davis, Hugh Laurie, Jonathan Lipnicki and Nathan Lane.  
Plucky, pint-sized hero Stuart Little returns in “Stuart Little 2,” delighting audiences with even more action-packed adventure. This time, there are two brand



new additions to the Little family — a nine-month old sister named Martha and a spirited bird named Margalo, who wins Stuart’s heart. *(75 minutes)*



*Sept. 13 at 7 p.m.*

**“Master Of Disguise” (PG)**  
Starring Dana Carvey, Brent Spinner, Jennifer Esposito, Harold Gould and James Brolin.  
Pistachio Disguisey, a waiter at his father Fabbriizio’s restaurant, can’t figure out why he compulsively mimics his customers. Fabbriizio has never told his son that he comes from a long line of masters of disguise. Such a talent makes Fabbriizio the kidnapping target of his former arch-enemy Devlin Bowman. At first Pistachio is not very effective as he attempts to control his inherited power, but soon, he’s spinning through a manic blur of eccentric characterizations in an attempt to track down Devlin Bowman and save his parents. *(80 minutes)*

Sports Shorts

Golf outing

The Luke Chapter of the Retired Officers Association's Fifth Annual Scholarship Golf Scramble Outing is Oct. 14 at 8 a.m. at Falcon Dunes Golf Course. The entry fee is \$70 per person and includes a golf cart, driving range fees, gifts, prizes and lunch. All are invited. Register by Oct. 7. For more information and registration forms, call Bob Hyde at (623) 584-4416.

Varsity soccer

The Luke varsity soccer team's fall season starts Sept. 22 and the team is looking for dedicated and experienced players. League games are played on Sundays and practices are every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at softball field 3 or 4. Tryouts begin Sept. 12. For more information, write to guy.majkowski@luke.af.mil.

Volleyball tryouts

Men's varsity volleyball team tryouts are Monday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the fitness center. For more information, contact Ray Barnes at (623) 925-1655 or rbarnes96@earthlink.net.

Squadron golf days

The Falcon Dunes Golf Course invites Luke squadrons to book a free squadron golf day through Sept. 18. Each player is required to ride in a cart at a charge of \$4.50 per ride. For more information, call (623) 535-8355.

Sports writers

The Thunderbolt staff is looking for sports writers from around base who would like to see their articles in the Thunderbolt. Those interested can contact Airman 1st Class Susan Stout at (623) 856-6055.

Nautilus

Nautilus training is available by appointment at the fitness center Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. For more information and to make an appointment, call (623) 856-6241.

Tae Kwon Do

The community center is offering Tae Kwon Do instruction Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. for youth, 7 to 13; and from 7 to 8 p.m. for adults. The cost is \$35 per month per person or \$45 per month for two family members.

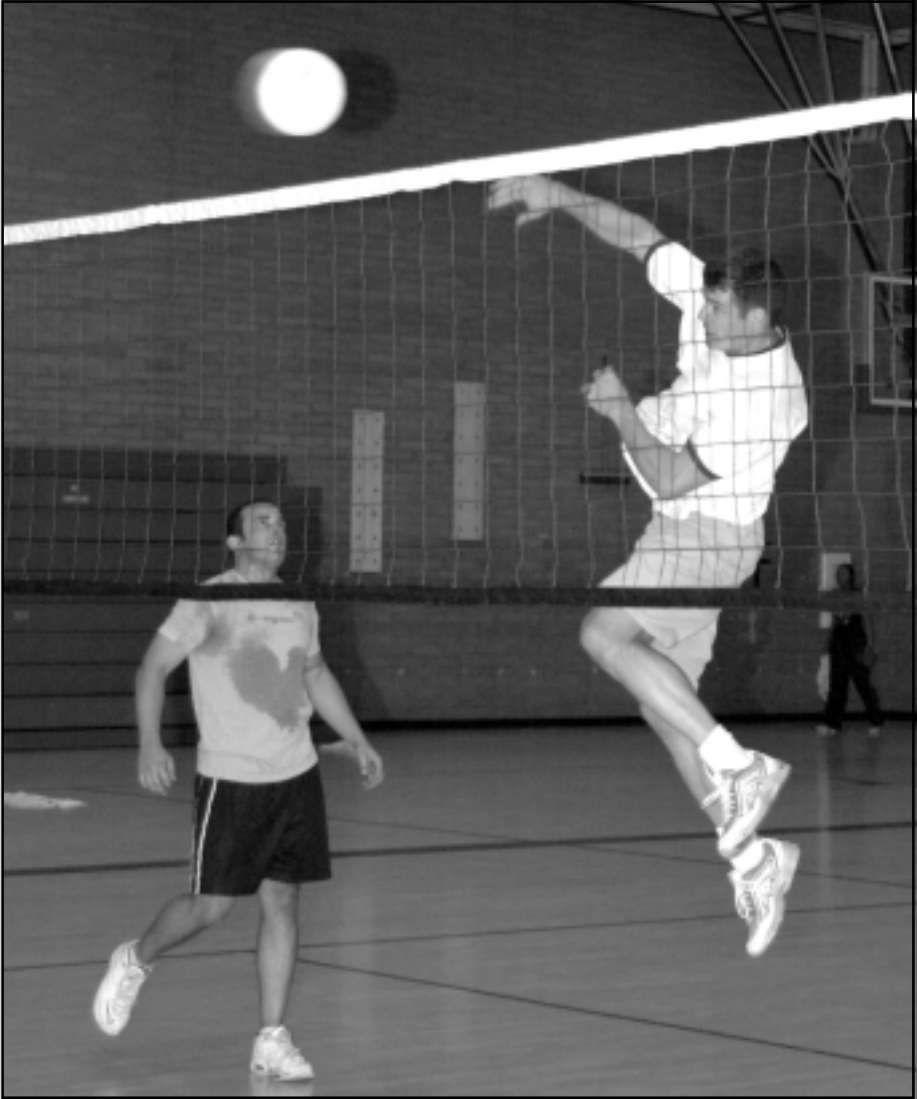
White Tank hike

Hike the White Tank Mountains Sept. 20 from 6 to 10 a.m. Transportation will be provided by the fitness center. Sign up at the fitness center. For more information, call Judy Peterson at (623) 856-6241.

Youth bowling

Registration for youth bowling leagues are Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. at Luke Lanes. The cost is \$3 per person and includes 2 games, shoe rental, a hot dog and soft drink. League play starts Sept. 14 and 15. For more information, call (623) 856-6529

Back at ya ...



Staff Sgt. Christopher Matthews  
*Mark Finchum, 56th Civil Engineer Squadron, watches as Rob Bigler, 56th Component Repair Squadron, spikes the ball during varsity volleyball tryouts Wednesday. For more information about varsity sports, call (623) 856-6241.*







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